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RED CROSS NOTES

Dakota County Chapter

The Pigeon Creek branch contributed the following articles the past week: 13 sheets, 20 towels, 6 pillow slips, 5 shoulder wraps, 2 sweaters, 2 pair of wristlets, 2 mufflers, 2 pair of socks and 1 helmet.

The returns on the membership campaign for Dakota County are incomplete as yet, and as the time for taking memberships has been extended to December 31st, the total memberships received in the county cannot now be given. Up until Christmas day the memberships in Dakota precinct were \$50, in Homer 700 and in Pigeon Creek 213.

On account of the holidays falling on Tuesday the work days at the Red Cross work room were changed to Saturday for this week and next.

In a letter from Gerald Hall to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hall he sends the thanks of the boys at Fort Winfield Scott to the Red Cross for the Christmas kits received by them.

The Hubbard branch of the Red Cross sent in the following articles the past week: 22 wash rags, 11 pr. socks, 6 Turkish Towels, 1 sheet, 1 pair pillow cases, 1 helmet, 2 mufflers, 3 pair wristlets, and 6 sweaters.

Following is a list of members and contributors to the Red Cross from Summit precinct who joined the St. John's branch at Jackson, Nebr.:

- \$5.00—Rev. E. M. Gleason.
- \$2.00—Mrs. J. C. Duggan, Mrs. Caroline Beacom, J. H. O'Donnell.
- \$1.00—Mrs. Patrick Casey, Mrs. J. H. O'Donnell, Catherine O'Donnell, Louise O'Donnell, Mrs. Matt McKivergan, Kathryn Mitchell, Beatrice Jones, Mrs. M. McLaughlin, Mrs. John Carpenter, Mrs. Thomas Rush, Margaret Crosby, Mrs. John Rush, Mrs. Alice McNally, Nora Crosby, Mrs. Joe Twobig, Mrs. Thos. Gormally, Mrs. M. F. Logue, Mrs. J. C. Heenan, Mrs. Peter Nichols, Mrs. Kitson, Mary Kitson, Laura Kitson, J. C. Duggan, Mary Duggan, Helen Duggan, John Duggan, Jr., Frank Duggan, Mrs. John O'Neill, Mae O'Neill, Mrs. John W. Twobig, Mrs. Denis Heenan, Mrs. Catharine Twobig, Margaret Twobig.

Submarine's Lifeboat.

For a long time attempts have been made to evolve some sensible scheme for permitting a crew to escape when a submarine sinks, gets ensnared in a net, or for some reason becomes unmanageable while under water. An invention that has lately been protected by patents is described in Popular Mechanics. It is a lifeboat and, in reality, a small auxiliary submarine that normally is held in a concave seat constructed in the top part of the large craft. Water-tight hatchways are provided in each of the vessels, so that access from one to the other of them is possible. It is intended to offer a safe retreat for some thirty persons. Electric and gasoline motors would propel it and give it a radius of action estimated at about 500 miles. In the event of accident, members of the crew would enter the lifeboat, close the hatchways, free the small craft by unscrewing two large bolts that anchor it to the larger one, and rise to the surface.

She Obeyed Orders.

Some time ago, before we all got so dreadfully economical, a mistress told her new Scandinavian kitchen girl never to leave in the refrigerator anything old or left over, but to keep it clean and fresh by throwing away the old things every morning.

On the day following, the mistress happened to look out of the window and she noticed something peculiar in the yard. Calling Hulda she asked: "What is that and how did it get there?"

"That's the old ice, ma'am, left over from yesterday," answered Hulda. "I threw it away lak you tol' me."—Boston Transcript.

Automatic Electro Plating.

A machine that automatically electroplates 100,000 doorknobs or other metal parts a day is described by the Scientific American. It consists of a series of tanks arranged in an oval 50 feet long, over which passes an endless chain from which rods carrying racks are suspended. The racks are filled with the objects to be plated, and these are dipped successively into the tanks containing the solutions to be used. The average time required for the complete process is one hour.

Eyes Tested and Glasses Fitted at G. F. Broyhill's

The Herald—1 year, \$1.25.
Mrs. A. E. Christensen has gone to Elkpoint, S. D., to visit relatives.
A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ira Howard, of Crystal Lake, Sunday.
Raymond Ream came up from Lincoln Saturday to spend the holiday vacation.
Mrs. Wm. Cheney and Mrs. R. E. Evans are seriously ill and under the doctor's care.
Mrs. G. F. Broyhill left Saturday for a few weeks' visit with relatives at Axtel and Scottsville, Kas.

Preserve and beautify your home with Mound City Paint and Varnish. For sale at Neiswanger Pharmacy.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jay Robertson at the Maternity hospital in Sioux City, December 23rd.

Mrs. Wm. Chessier and baby arrived from Norfolk last Friday to spend Christmas in the Mrs. Belle Barnett home.

We sell the "Gripwell" automobile tires. See samples and get prices at Slaughter-Burke Grain Co. elevator, Dakota City, Neb.

Mrs. Carl Rasmussen arrived here Saturday from Slater, Mo., for a few weeks' visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Baughman.

G. F. Hughes and family and H. Greer and family, of Sioux City, were guests Christmas day in the H. R. Greer home in this place.

J. C. Dahms, of Colome, S. D., was here Tuesday in consultation with J. A. Hill in regard to some electrical work he is installing at Colome.

There will be a regular meeting of the Eastern Star lodge next Tuesday evening, January 1st. There will be initiation, and all members are requested to come.

Mrs. Bud Dryden and son Jack, of Lincoln, and Mrs. Harriett Walden, who had been visiting there for some time, came up to spend Christmas week at the Mell A. Schmied home.

County Clerk Wilkins has received word that Thorwald Andersen, of Hubbard, has been discharged from army service at Camp Funston on account of physical disability, and has returned home.

Mrs. Belle Barnett leaves Friday to visit her son, George M. Barnett, who is stationed at Camp Funston. She will also visit the Fred Lynch family at Cainsville, Mo., and with relatives at her old home in Humeston, Iowa.

Miss Emma Nelson of Homer, who has been teaching school in Wyoming came home Monday and was accompanied home by Miss Dottie Cain. The Jas. Nelson family returned here with Miss Dottie and spent Christmas day in the Geo. Cain home.

The M. G. R. club met at the home of Mrs. E. M. Blessing in Salem, December 19th. A general program was carried out in which Mrs. Ed Morgan carried off the honors in the guessing contest, and Mrs. Bernard Boals in the old adages. A distribution of Christmas presents was one of the entertaining features, followed by a luncheon.

The Elk Valley Sunday School decided at their Christmas exercises, that instead of having the usual Christmas treat, to take up a collection and give the proceeds to the war-stricken children in Europe. The collection amounted to \$12.27, and the superintendent, Mr. Bert Benton added to it a check for \$25, making a total of \$37.27, which will be turned over to some organization to use for the purpose intended.

Dakota County's Contribution to Army Y. M. C. A. Fund

The following receipt for amounts contributed to the Army Y. M. C. A. fund was received by Wm. P. Warner, county chairman, and the same is now on file in the office of County Treasurer J. S. Bacon.

Omaha, Neb., November 27, 1917.
Received of Wm. P. Warner, county chairman of Dakota county, through John D. Haskell, district chairman, Thirteen Hundred Ninety-Six and 60/100th Dollars (\$1396.60), in payment of subscriptions to the Army Y. M. C. A. fund as follows:
Homer.....\$ 480 00
Dakota City..... 375 50
South Sioux City..... 278 35
Hubbard..... 133 50
Pigeon Creek..... 129 25
Total.....\$1396 60

C. C. Belden,
Treasurer of Army Y. M. C. A. fund in Nebraska.

MATRIMONIAL VENTURES

The following marriage licenses were issued by County Judge S. W. McKinley during the past week:

Name and Address	Age
Glenn E. Harris, Hubbard, Neb.	21
Harriet S. Welsh	21
Arthur N. Phinney, Sioux City	31
Clara Wynn	31
Wm. H. Albrecht, Ponca, Iowa	35
Grace B. Jackson	25
John H. Carey, Sioux City	35
Adeline Carey	27

For Sale

A few more good Boars, at bargain prices. John B. Evans, Dakota City, Neb.

A Hampshire boar for sale—a March pig; weighs 300 lbs. Walter Miller, Dakota City, Nebr.

JAP SOLDIERS IN WAR GAME

Trench Fighting at Night, Mining and Counter-Mining Included in Modern Combat Practice.

The week's fighting maneuvers of the Engineers' battalion of the Japanese Imperial Guards and First division were carried out on a scale never before attempted, says the East and West News. The war play occurred at Otahara, in the Tochigi prefecture. The operations included rival armies' trench fighting at night, exactly as practiced in the present Europe war. Mining and counter-mining, with many other special features of modern warfare, were practiced. The present type of hand grenades was used.

Japanese were first to introduce these missiles at Port Arthur, but the recent form of the grenade is quite changed and the weapon much improved. The Mills standard bomb, a British invention, was chiefly employed. It is about the size and shape of a large lemon, is made of steel, the outside corrugated into 48 small squares which, upon explosion of the bomb scatter in a wide area. It will not explode until released from the hand of the thrower. A lever, fitted into a slot at the top, extends halfway around the circumference and is held in place by a fixing pin. A small metal ring upon this pin renders its extraction easy when ready to be thrown. In casting, the bomb and lever are tightly grasped in the right hand, the left foot is advanced and the bomb is hurled with an overhead bowling motion, much as in cricket. As the bomb leaves the hand, the lever, actuated by a spring, is loosened and falls to the ground, thus removing an impediment to the true flight of the missile. When the lever flies off, a strong spring is released, forcing the fixing pin into a percussion cap. This ignites the fuse, which burns until the main charge of ammoniac explodes.

UNKNOWN LAKES AND RIVERS

Interior of Labrador Found to Possess Many Unmapped Bodies of Water and Streams.

Chains of lakes hitherto unmapped and rivers equally unknown were traversed in the interior of Labrador by the exploring parties of representatives of the National Geographic society and the Carnegie museum, Pittsburgh, which arrived at St. Johns, N. F., recently, says a correspondent. The journey covered about 750 miles over a route never before traveled by white men and was made more difficult by the fact that the five Indians who were taken along as guides proved to be unfamiliar with the country.

The party included E. B. C. Todd, curator of ornithology in the Carnegie museum; O. J. Murie, curator of mammals in the same institution, and Alfred Marshall of Chicago.

They left Seven Islands bay on the north side of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, about the end of May and traveled north by canoe and portages, reaching Fort Chimo, near Urganva bay, August 22. In addition to mapping the country, they studied its natural history.

Mr. Todd said the existing maps of a large district were found to be very inaccurate and altogether misleading, having been made by guesswork from information supplied by Indians.

German Mayor Has Sense of Humor.

The Prussian town of Altwasser has developed a humorous burgomaster. The Schwabische Tagwacht says:

"The burgomaster of Altwasser, who has been flooded with anonymous letters accusing him of failing in his duty as regards the food supplies, has caused a reply to his accusers to be posted at the town hall. It reads:

"I am blamed in letters for the scarcity of potatoes, for the heavy rains and the consequent muddy state of the streets, and for the unlawful appropriation of food cards on the part of many of the inhabitants. Besides the writers of these missives attack me for providing my household with more than I am entitled to and for pocketing public funds as salary.

"I invite some of these pettifoggling spirits, who have no other resource than to besmirch the reputation of their public officials, to come and dine with me any Sunday.

"They would regret not having stayed at home to partake of the meat with which they are no doubt provided, instead of the cabbage and turnips which they would find representing the joint on my table."

Japanese Seek Match Outlet.

Plans are now under way to secure a wide market in foreign countries for matches of Japanese manufacture. At one time Japanese matches had an excellent market both in the East and in the West, says the Pathfinder, but, owing to lack of standardization of the product and to the marketing of inferior goods by some of the manufacturers, it finally fell off quite seriously. It is now proposed rigidly to maintain a high standard of quality in all Japanese matches and to have the product of all members of the newly formed match manufacturers' federation inspected before shipment abroad.

Men Must Go Out Shopping.

One result of the replacing of men by women in many of the British industries is the increase of shopping by men unfit by age or physical disability for army service, notes a correspondent. Tradespeople, who have noticed the gradual increase of their men customers, are not at all adverse to the innovation, because they find generally that a larger amount of business can be got through in a given time.

STINSON'S

Specials for Saturday, Dec. 29

For this Day Only

- Assorted Cookies in bulk, per measure.....10c
- Pure Apple Cider Vinegar, per gal.....40c
- A 20c Can of Kraut for.....15c
- Bulk Starch, per lb.....5c
- 1 Can Tomatoes.....15c
- Home-Grown hand-picked Beans, per lb.....15c
- Boiling Beef, per lb.....15c
- 1lb Wienies.....20c
- 5 Boxes Matches.....30c

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